

Mass Intentions for December 21st through December 29th, 2019

Sat. 5:00pm Salvatore and Marie Liuzzo
 8:00am Joseph Zahornacky
 11:00am Joseph Peloso, IV
 Mon. 7:30am Kevin Visokay
 Tues. 7:30am NO Mass

r/b the Malinowski family
 r/b the family
 r/b the family
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Christmas Eve – Vigil Mass of Christmas

upstairs 4:00pm Parishioners Living and Deceased
 downstairs 4:00pm Parishioners Living and Deceased
 6:00pm Parishioners Living and Deceased

Christmas Day – the Nativity of the Lord

Wed. 9:00am Parishioners Living and Deceased
 11:00am Parishioners Living and Deceased
 Thurs. 7:30am No Mass
 Fri. 7:30am Philip J. Adriani
 Sat. 5:00pm Thomas McCafferty
 Sun. 8:00am Veronica Adriani
 11:00am Dr. Philip Falcone

r/b the family
 r/b Sal and Chris DiNardo and family
 r/b the Renzi family
 r/b the Women of Notre Dame

Notre Dame's Weekly Collection

December 14th & 15th - breakdown of collection:

Mass Saturday – 5:00pm - \$1,733.50
 Mass Sunday - 8:00am - \$1,226.00
 Mass Sunday - 11:00am - \$2,474.00
 Other offertory loose checks- \$ 340.00
Total Mass Collection: \$5,773.50

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ONLINE GIVING

Please consider Online Giving.

It is a simple, safe way to contribute to weekly offerings. In order to register:

1. log on to our parish website;
www.notredameofeaston.com
2. click the Online Giving logo on the homepage
3. fill out the registration form.

If you have any questions please call:
 (800) 348-2886, option #2.

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Ministry to the Homebound

Anyone who is seriously ill, having surgery, or homebound, may call the Rectory office and one of our Lay Caring Ministers will bring Holy Communion or just pay a visit. They visit parishioners in Nursing Homes as well. * For anointing of the sick please call the office so Father Lyons can visit.

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Bequests to Notre Dame of Easton are Strongly Encouraged and Gratefully Accepted

Suggestion: *When a loved one dies, please advise friends and relatives to make a donation to the "Notre Dame Sanctuary Fund" in memory of the deceased & include this wish in the obituary notice.*

December 24th, 25th & 28th & 29th, 2019

Readers Eucharistic Ministers Altar Servers

Christmas Eve

Tuesday –

4:00pm – Upstairs I. Paxton I. Paxton Zuanellis
 4:00pm - downstairs J. Pagliaro J. Pagliaro L. Pulie
 6:00pm - G. O'Brien T. Vitale -----

Christmas Day

Wednesday

9:00am - C. & M. Welch ----- Grobs
 11:00am- H. Egan B. Marzik -----

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Saturday

5:00pm A. Fiyalka A. Fiyalka P.Martinich

Sunday

8:00am P. Adriani A. Adriani L. Pulie
 11:00am I. Paxton I. Paxton -----

The schedule is on our website:

notredame@optonline.net

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Please Pray for the Sick

The names entrusted to this list will always be included in our prayers



Susan Williams	Muriel Meier	Alison Raver
Christopher Vitale	Angela Doescher	Frank Lyons
John Buckley	Siobhan Smith	Marian Basso
Joan McGrath	Dennis Gallagher	Cece H.
Michael Glowacki	Alice Martinich	Kaia Lauro
Mildred Negri	Georgia Egan	Mary Socci
Deanne Cingari Herlihy	Deacon Vincent Heidenrieck	
Eleanor Baldyga	Rosita Petrocelli	Leah Ambrose
Michael Baldyga	Gabrella Reitmeyer	Andrew Burke

If you would like to place someone on the prayer list, please email churchladies@optonline.net, or call the Rectory office at 203-268-5838 during business hours.



2019 Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Vigil Mass of Christmas

Tuesday – December 24
4:00pm – upstairs
4:00pm – downstairs
6:00pm

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Christmas Day
The Nativity of the Lord

Wednesday – December 25
9:00am & 11:00am

Sounds of the Season Christmas Eve Concert

The Notre Dame Music program will present a Christmas Eve concert entitled "Sounds of the Season" on December 24th at 5:30pm in the church. Please join us to reflect and celebrate the joy that the season of Christmas offers us through familiar carols and contemporary songs.



Fourth Sunday
of Advent

Advent Wreath

4th Candle (purple)

Jesus, Infant of Hope

make our souls leap at the sound of your name.

Draw us into the hope of your coming among us.

Help us to see you in the midst of the burdens we carry, that we might trust in the promise of your life.
Amen

**Parishioners – please take note:
Final Date for 2019 Donation Credit**

Monday, January 13, 2020 will be the final date for all donations, to Notre Dame, to be recorded in order to receive credit for 2019.

Any donation envelope or check dated for 2019, received after January 13, 2020, will be entered into the 2020 records.

Letters stating donations will be mailed to those who have given \$250.00 or more for the year.

The Women of Notre Dame News!

December Advent Kindness Calendar

Each weekend of Advent we will collect different items for the

Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry

All donated items should be new, unopened, in original sealed packaging, and not expired.

Fourth Weekend of Advent

December 21 and 22



disposable diapers (all sizes) and baby wipes.

**** In January, the monthly collection will resume. Thank you for your continued support!

Christmas Dinner

Thank you to all the ladies who attended the Christmas Dinner at the Spinning Wheel on December 10. The raffle raised \$488, and we collected a car load of diapers for the Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry. It was a lovely evening.



Thank you for Your Ongoing Support!

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Blessed Sacrament Food Pantry! Hundreds of families rely on the food pantry, and our weekly collections during Advent continue to make a big difference. The monthly collections resume in January.

Merry Christmas

From Fr. Lyons - Deacon Jerry
and Staff

Our parish offices will be closed on
Thursday December 26th.

A Christmas Prayer

Lord,
You came upon
A Midnight Clear
to bring
Joy to the World
and draw us near.
It was a Holy Night,
when you came from above,
to fill our hearts with hope and love.
Thank you,
Sweet Jesus Boy,
for clothing us with
Comfort and Joy.

Religious Education

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm
Other times by appointment: (203)261-5596
ndore@optonline.net

Teacher's Holiday Party

Save the date!

Our "After the Holiday" dinner will be Thursday evening January 16th, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Church Hall. Please call or email our office to RSVP by January 10th, 2020.

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Second Grade Sacrament Dates:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Saturday, March 14th, 2020 at 11:00am.

A schedule of all important dates was sent home November 27th, 2019.

Third Grade Sacramental Dates:

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, April 25th, 2020 at 11:00am. A schedule of all important dates will be sent home regarding the Family Supper and Rehearsals.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER:

If Religious Education classes are to be cancelled due to weather conditions, please refer to Channel 8 or 12.

We will follow the lead of the Easton Public School District.

If schools are closed, there will be no Religious Ed classes.

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PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS

The Diocesan requirement to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is two years of in-class preparation, beginning in first grade. The Sacrament of First Reconciliation is celebrated in the 2nd grade. The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated in the 3rd grade. The requirement to receive First Reconciliation is completion of first and second grade Religious Education. The requirements for receiving

First Holy Communion are receiving First Reconciliation and completion of second and third grade Religious Education. The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in 9th grade. The Diocesan requirement is completion of 7th and 8th grade Religious Education in class. Home schooling is not available.

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15th Annual Christmas Exhibition
at the
Knights of Columbus Museum
1 State St. – New Haven



From November 16th, 2019 to February 2nd, 2020, the museum will exhibit more than 80 Nativity scenes or crèches, icons and religious artworks representing 30 countries across Europe, including the museum's 120-square-foot Neapolitan (Italian) crèche.

The museum will host its annual Christmastime Family Day celebration Sunday, December 29th from 12 to 3pm. The event is free and open to the public, offering children's activities, live Christmas music and refreshments.

The museum is located at 1 State St. in New Haven, is open from 10am to 5pm daily (except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas) with free admission and parking.

For more information call: 203.865.0400 or visit: kofcmuseum.org

March for Life 2020

Join fellow parishioners from throughout the Diocese of Bridgeport on a bus pilgrimage to the March for Life on Friday, January 24, 2020.

This year's theme is: *Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman*. Buses depart from three locations – Bridgeport, Norwalk, and Stamford. Cost is \$75 pp/RT. Register on line before January 17th at: <https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation>

- If you are unable to travel to Washington D.C., please join us in prayer the night before on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 6:30pm for the March for Life 2020 Mass celebrated by Bishop Caggiano at St. Augustine's in Bridgeport





One Solitary Life

Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher.

He never owned a home. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family. He never went to college. He never put His foot inside a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself... While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed upon a cross between two thieves. While He was dying His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth – His coat. When He was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen long centuries have come and gone, and today He is a centerpiece of the human race and leader of the column of progress. I am far within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that were ever built; all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that one solitary life.

This essay was adapted from a sermon by Dr James Allan Francis in "The Real Jesus and Other Sermons" © 1926 by the Judson Press of Philadelphia (pp 123-124 titled "Arise Sir Knight!"). If you are interested, you can read [the original version](#).